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Objection Deadline: November 6, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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In re:)	Case No. 12-12020 (MG)
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RESIDENTIAL CAPITAL, LLC, <u>et al.</u> ,)	Chapter 11
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Debtors.)	Jointly Administered
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**NOTICE OF PRESENTMENT OF DEBTORS' MOTION PURSUANT TO
BANKRUPTCY RULES 9006(b) AND 9027 FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER FURTHER
EXTENDING THE TIME TO FILE NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF CIVIL ACTIONS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned will present the attached *Motion Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b) and 9027 for Entry of an Order Further Extending the Time to File Notice of Removal of Civil Actions* (the "Motion"), to the Honorable Martin Glenn, United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court"), Alexander Hamilton Custom House, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004, Room 501, for signature on **November 7, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time)**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to the Motion must be made in writing, conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Local Bankruptcy
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Rules for the Southern District of New York, and the Notice, Case Management, and Administrative Procedures approved by the Bankruptcy Court [Docket No. 141], be filed electronically by registered users of the Bankruptcy Court's electronic case filing system, and be served, so as to be received no later than **November 6, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time)**, upon (a) counsel for the Debtors, Morrison & Foerster LLP, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10104 (Attention: Gary S. Lee, Norman S. Rosenbaum and Jonathan M. Petts); (b) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, 201 Varick Street, Suite 1006, New York, NY 10014 (Attention: Tracy Hope Davis, Linda A. Riffkin, and Brian S. Masumoto); (c) the Office of the United States Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001 (Attention: US Attorney General, Eric H. Holder, Jr.); (d) Office of the New York State Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341 (Attention: Nancy Lord, Esq. and Enid N. Stuart, Esq.); (e) Office of the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, One St. Andrews Plaza, New York, NY 10007 (Attention: Joseph N. Cordaro, Esq.); (f) counsel for Ally Financial Inc., Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 153 East 53rd Street, New York, NY 10022 (Attention: Richard M. Cieri and Ray Schrock); (g) counsel for the committee of unsecured creditors, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036 (Attention: Kenneth Eckstein and Douglas Mannal); (h) counsel for Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, Clifford Chance US LLP, 31 West 52nd Street, New York, NY 10019 (Attention: Jennifer C. DeMarco and Adam Lesman); (i) counsel for Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, 355 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90071 (Attention: Thomas Walper and Seth Goldman); (j) Internal Revenue Service, P.O. Box 7346, Philadelphia, PA 19101-7346 (if by overnight mail, to 2970 Market Street, Mail Stop 5-Q30.133, Philadelphia, PA 19104-5016); and (k) Securities and Exchange Commission, New York Regional Office, 3 World Financial Center, Suite 400, New York, NY 10281-1022 (Attention: George S. Canellos, Regional Director).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if no objections to the Motion are timely filed, served and received in accordance with this Notice, the Court may enter the Order without further notice or hearing.

Dated: October 30, 2013
New York, New York

Respectfully submitted,

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Residential Capital, LLC and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned Chapter 11 cases (collectively, the “Debtors”) hereby submit this motion (the “Motion”) for entry of an order, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452 and Rules 9006 and 9027 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), further extending the period within which the Debtors may file notices of removal of Civil Actions (as defined below), and thereby further extending the time to remove to the appropriate bankruptcy court or district court

civil actions and proceedings to which the Debtors are or may become a party (collectively, the “Civil Actions”). In further support of this Motion, the Debtors respectfully represent:

JURISDICTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this Motion under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue of these cases and this Motion in this district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

2. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are 28 U.S.C. § 1452 and Bankruptcy Rules 9006 and 9027.

BACKGROUND

3. On May 14, 2012 (the “Petition Date”), each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition in this Court for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are managing and operating their businesses as debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107(a) and 1108. No trustee has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

4. On May 16, 2012, the Office of the United States Trustee (the “U.S. Trustee”) appointed a nine-member statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the “Creditors’ Committee”).

5. On June 20, 2012, the Court directed that an examiner be appointed, and on July 3, 2012, the Court approved Arthur J. Gonzalez as the examiner [Docket Nos. 454, 674]. The examiner’s report was filed under seal on May 13, 2013 [Docket No. 3698]. The examiner’s report was subsequently unsealed on June 26, 2013 [Docket No. 4099].

6. On July 3, 2013, the Debtors and the Creditors’ Committee filed the Joint Chapter 11 Plan Proposed by Residential Capital, LLC, et al. and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors [Docket No. 4153] (the “Plan”) and the Disclosure Statement for the Joint

Chapter 11 Plan Proposed by Residential Capital, LLC, et al. and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors [Docket No. 4157] (the “Disclosure Statement”). On August 16, 2013, the Debtors filed a revised Disclosure Statement, which included a revised copy of the Plan [Docket No. 4733], which was further revised on August 20, 2013 [Docket No. 4770]. On August 23, 2013, the Court entered an order approving, *inter alia*, the Disclosure Statement, as amended [Docket No. 4809]. The hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan is scheduled to commence on November 19, 2013.

RELIEF REQUESTED

7. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9027 and the *Order Further Extending the Debtors’ Time to File Notices of Removal of Civil Actions* entered on July 10, 2013 [Docket No. 4197], the deadline to file notices of removal of the Civil Actions was extended to the later of (a) October 31, 2013, or (b) should the Court enter an order terminating the automatic stay as to a particular Civil Action, for such Civil Action, thirty days after the entry of the order terminating the automatic stay. By this Motion, the Debtors respectfully request that this Court enter an order, substantially in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit 1 (the “Order”), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452 and Bankruptcy Rules 9006(b) and 9027, further extending the time within which the Debtors are permitted to file notices of removal of the Civil Actions to the later of (a) January 31, 2014, or (b) should the Court enter an order terminating the automatic stay as to a particular Civil Action, for such Civil Action, thirty days after the entry of the order terminating the automatic stay, without prejudice to the Debtors to seek further extensions.

BASIS FOR RELIEF

8. Section 1452 of title 28 of the United States Code provides for the removal of civil claims or actions related to bankruptcy cases and provides, in pertinent part:

- (a) A party may remove any claim or cause of action in a civil action other than a proceeding before the United States Tax Court or a civil action by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power, to a district court for the district where such civil action is pending, if such district court has jurisdiction of such claim or cause of action under section 1334 of this title.
- (b) The court to which such claim or cause of action is removed may remand such claim or cause of action on any equitable ground. An order entered under this subsection remanding a claim or cause of action, or a decision to not remand, is not reviewable by appeal or otherwise.

28 U.S.C. §§ 1452(a) and 1452(b)

9. Bankruptcy Rule 9027 sets forth the time periods for the filing of notices to remove claims or causes of action. Specifically, Bankruptcy Rule 9027(a)(2) provides:

If the claim or cause of action in a civil action is pending when a case under the Code is commenced, a notice of removal may be filed only within the longest of (A) 90 days after the order for relief in the case under the Code, (B) 30 days after entry of an order terminating a stay, if the claim or cause of action in a civil action has been stayed under § 362 of the Code, or (C) 30 days after a trustee qualifies in a chapter 11 reorganization case but not later than 180 days after the order for relief.

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9027(a)(2).

10. Bankruptcy Rule 9006 permits courts to extend the period provided by Bankruptcy 9027 to remove civil claims or actions. Specifically, Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b)(1) provides:

Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subdivision, when an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified period by these rules or by a notice given thereunder or by order of court, the court for cause shown may at any time in its discretion (1) with or without motion or notice order the period enlarged if the request therefor is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed or as extended by a previous order or (2) on motion made after the expiration of the specified period permit the act to be done where the failure to act was the result of excusable neglect.

Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006(b)(1).

11. It is well established, in this circuit and others, that Bankruptcy Rule 9006 authorizes bankruptcy courts to specifically extend the removal period provided for under 28 U.S.C. § 1452 and Bankruptcy Rule 9027 “for cause.” See In re Jandous Elec. Constr. Corp., 106 B.R. 48, 50 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1989) (holding that Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b) permits enlargement of time to remove state court actions “if the request therefor is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed”); Pacor, Inc. v. Higgins, 743 F.2d 984, 996 n.17 (3d Cir. 1984), overruled on other grounds by Things Remembered, Inc. v. Petrarca, 516 U.S. 124, 134-35 (1995) (holding the bankruptcy court’s power to grant an extension of the removal period pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b) is “clear”); In re World Fin. Servs. Ctr., Inc., 81 B.R. 33, 39 (Bankr. S.D. Cal. 1987) (noting that the Supreme Court intended to give bankruptcy judges the power to enlarge the filing periods under Bankruptcy Rule 9027(a) pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b)); Raff v. Gordon, 58 B.R. 988, 990 (E.D. Pa. 1986) (holding that an expansion of time to file notices of removal is authorized under the Bankruptcy Rules).

12. Moreover, courts in this District have routinely granted similar requests to extend the time period for seeking removal in other large chapter 11 cases. See, e.g., In re MF Global Holdings Ltd., Case No. 11-15059 (MG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. January 19, 2012, April 24, 2012, August 30, 2012) [Docket Nos. 374, 651, 810] (granting a 90-day extension upon debtors’ initial request and subsequent requests to enlarge removal period); In re Eastman Kodak Co., Case No. 12-10202 (ALG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. April 19, 2012, August 15, 2012, December 12, 2012) [Docket Nos. 931, 1873, 2553] (granting a 120-day extension and subsequent request to enlarge removal period); In re Grubb & Ellis Co., Case No. 12-10685 (MG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 18, 2012, August 23, 2012) [Docket Nos. 1057, 1479] (granting a 102-day extension); In re

Saint Vincent's Catholic Medical Centers of New York, No. 10-11963 (CGM) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 2, 2011) [Docket No. 1590] (period extended until confirmation of chapter 11 plan(s)); In re Innkeepers USA Trust, No. 10-13800 (SCC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 14, 2010) [Docket No. 573] (period extended until later of (a) 268 days after petition date, or (b) 30 days after the entry of an order terminating the automatic stay with respect to the particular action sought to be removed); In re Neff Corp., No. 10-12610 (SCC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. August 11, 2010) [Docket No. 340] (period extended until the effective date of chapter 11 plan); In re Great Atl. & Pac. Tea Co., Case No. 10-24549 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Mar. 10, 2011, July 8, 2011) [Docket Nos. 1005, 2184 respectfully] (granting a 120-day extension upon debtors' initial request and granting subsequent request to enlarge removal period through plan confirmation); In re Lehman Bros. Holdings, Inc., No. 08-13555 (JMP) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Dec. 18, 2008) [Docket No. 2306] (period extended until confirmation of chapter 11 plan). The Debtors submit that the period requested herein—extending the deadline to the later of (a) January 31, 2014, or (b) 30 days after termination of the stay as to a particular action—is well within the range of extensions granted by this court under similar circumstances.

CAUSE EXISTS TO WARRANT EXTENSION OF THE REMOVAL PERIOD

13. As noted above, the Debtors' time to file notices to remove any Civil Actions, and thereby remove such Civil Actions to the appropriate district court or bankruptcy court, expires in the Debtors' cases on October 31, 2013, absent an order by the Court granting an extension to remove such Civil Actions. In these large and complex cases, since the Petition Date, the Debtors have expended significant time and effort on a multitude of matters, including, among others: (i) litigating dozens of contested matters; (ii) engaging in substantial discovery and briefing in connection with the RMBS settlement; (iii) the ongoing reconciliation of over

7,160 claims filed against their estates; (iv) participating in the examiner's investigation involving multiple witness interviews and voluminous document productions; (v) successfully conducting auctions for the sales of the Debtors' mortgage loan origination and servicing platform and legacy loan portfolio and the prompt closing of these transactions, which yielded over \$4 billion for the Debtors' estates and creditors; (vi) plan mediation under the auspices of the court approved mediator; (vii) negotiations with creditor constituents, resulting in approval of a plan support agreement, (viii) negotiating and proposing the Plan, which contemplates a near-global resolution of complex disputed matters in these chapter 11 cases, and (ix) obtaining the Court's approval of the Disclosure Statement.

14. Due to the urgent need to focus on these critical activities, the Debtors and their professionals have not had a sufficient opportunity to analyze the merits of the Civil Actions and the desirability of removing them to the appropriate bankruptcy court or district court. Thus, the Debtors are continuing to review their files and records and undertaking an analysis of the relevant court documents to determine whether the Debtors' estates would benefit from the removal of any of the thousands of Civil Actions pending in courts throughout the country. Further extending the Debtors' period to file notices of removal will provide the Debtors with adequate time to conduct this review and to evaluate the pending litigation matters within the larger context of these chapter 11 cases.

15. The Debtors believe that the proposed extension will enable them to properly consider, and make informed decisions concerning, the removal of the Civil Actions, although the Debtors reserve the right to request additional extensions should they become necessary. If the requested extension is not granted, the Debtors will not have sufficient time to fully consider the removal of the Civil Actions in light of their other pending obligations.

Accordingly, the Debtors submit that cause exists to grant the relief requested herein, and that such relief is appropriate and in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates and creditors.

16. The relief requested herein will not unduly prejudice any counterparty to the Civil Actions because such adverse parties may not prosecute the Civil Actions absent relief from the automatic stay, except to the extent permitted by this Court's prior orders. Further, if the Debtors remove any Civil Action to federal court (including those actions in which stay relief has been granted), the affected adverse party will nevertheless retain its right to seek remand of the removed Civil Action back to state court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452(b).

NOTICE

17. The Debtors have provided notice of this Motion in accordance with the Case Management Procedures Order, approved by this Court on May 23, 2012 [Docket No. 141].

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE the Debtors respectfully request the entry of an order, substantially in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit 1, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452 and Bankruptcy Rules 9006(b) and 9027, further extending the time within which the Debtors are permitted to file notices of removal of the Civil Actions, thereby extending the time to remove such Civil Actions to the appropriate district court or bankruptcy court, to the later of (a) January 31, 2014, or (b) should the Court enter an order terminating the automatic stay as to a particular Civil Action, for such Civil Action, 30 days after the entry of the order terminating the automatic stay.

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EXHIBIT 1

Proposed Order

ORDERED that the Motion is granted to the extent provided for herein;

ORDERED that, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b), the time provided by Bankruptcy Rule 9027 to file notices of removal of the Civil Actions, and thereby remove such Civil Actions to the appropriate bankruptcy court or district court, is extended to the later of (a) January 31, 2014, or (b) should the Court enter an order terminating the automatic stay as to a particular Civil Action, for such Civil Action, thirty days after the entry of the order terminating the automatic stay;

ORDERED that this Order shall be without prejudice to the Debtors' right to request further extensions of time to file notices of removal of the Civil Actions, and thereby remove such Civil Actions to this Court or the appropriate bankruptcy court or district court;

ORDERED that this Order shall be without prejudice to any position the Debtors may take regarding whether Bankruptcy Code section 362 applies to any Civil Action;

ORDERED that the Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Motion;

ORDERED that the terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry; and

ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.

Dated: _____, 2013
New York, New York

THE HONORABLE MARTIN GLENN
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE